



Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability

August 2014 Sustainability Events

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Green Prison Initiative – For many months, Office of Sustainability has partnered with the Shelby County Corrections Facility to explore going green. On July 23, Corrections received a **\$250,000** Clean Energy Grant from TDEC for energy upgrades. Corrections is the largest energy user of the Shelby Co. government buildings due to its 24/7 schedule. Two types of domestic hot water reduction will be used: roof mounted solar thermal hot water system and ozone laundry system which are both used with great success and with quick return on investment at the Indiana State Dept of Corrections. Inmates will be

trained to install the systems. Corrections has also implemented recycling within their own facility using inmate labor to bail materials. The recyclables from the Peggy Edmiston Building are also being processed by Corrections. <http://bit.ly/UzrbTK>

Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update Public Input Meetings – (Aug 4, 5, 6, & 7). Join the MPO in public meetings as they update their Bike-Ped Plan. Meetings in August will take place at Germantown ECD, Hooks Library, Hickory Hill Community Center, and Cordova Branch Library. More details here: <http://memphismpo.org/project/bicycle-pedestrian-plan-update>

Green Matters for Women of Shelby County – (August 12, 12pm). Brown bag luncheon. Join women with interests in sustainability for networking. Guest speaker is Janet Boscarino of Clean Memphis. Meeting will open with a unique circular networking ice breaker. No RSVP needed. More details here: <http://bit.ly/1ode06s>



Safety and Sustainability Conference – (Aug 6, \$25). Join the Memphis Health, Education, and Housing Board and the Office of Sustainability for a conference about the tools available for developers in creating safe and sustainable communities. Featuring: President of the National Institute of Crime Prevention. <http://bit.ly/1mNx85Z>

V&E Greenline public meeting – (August 18, 6pm). Give feedback about the proposed improvements to the entrances of the V&E Greenline. Light refreshments will be served. This is a sub-grant of the Mid-South Regional Greenprint Plan. <http://bit.ly/UoyiOJ>



***Save the Date* Low Impact Development Design Competition Awards Event** - (Sept 4, 5:30pm). Join the Office of Sustainability for lightening presentations by the top three LID teams and presentation of a \$15,000 check to the winner. Dixon Gallery & Gardens.

Let's Create Memphis – Have an idea for a project to make your neighborhood stronger and more sustainable? This is open to all municipalities within Shelby County. Launch your idea here: ioby.org/Memphis

Free Shelby Farms Park App – This app provides information on park attractions and events, trail maps, tree species education, and will help users stay current on park construction progress.

<http://shelbyfarmspark.org/ongoing-projects>

Green Star Partnership – Is your business or organization interested in getting state recognition for sustainable practices and continuous improvement? TDEC's Green Star Partnership might be the solution for you: <http://www.tn.gov/environment/green-star.shtml>

Greenline Garden Club Workshops (kids) – (August 2, 10am). Get your kids connected to nature with the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy and Memphis Area Master Gardeners. First Saturday of each month.

<http://bit.ly/1A7kTeB>

Public review of 303(d) impaired waters list - (August 12, 1pm). The list is published yearly to identify stream segments that violate water quality standards or are threatened. Draft version can be viewed here:

<http://bit.ly/1kcBeu7>

MLGW Solar model car race (youth) – (August 16). Your youth group or scouting club can compete with others in building a model solar car and race it on the MLGW rooftop. Attend the workshop to get your kit. Great learning experience! <http://bit.ly/1nrpfYl>

Guided tours of the Agricenter Solar Farm - (August 19, 10-11am). Registration is required by calling 757-7777 and tours are limited to 25 people. <http://bit.ly/1qAD4rc>

Wolf River Boat Launch Access Study – (August 28, 6pm). Join the WRC for their final public meeting on their Greenprint sub-grant on Boat Launch Access. <http://bit.ly/1zcSi6i>

Memphis Tour De Coop – (Sept 20, 8am). Join GrowMemphis on a bike tour of urban chicken coops, gardens, and beehives. *Registration opens in August.*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/669834519746527/>

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Urban Forestry Advisory Course – (Sept 3-Oct 1, \$85). TN Chapter of TN Urban Forestry Council will be holding their Urban Forestry Advisor's Course at the Botanic Garden each Wednesday in September.

<http://bit.ly/1nVxEPU>

Redeveloping Brownfields Workshop – (Sept 10, FREE). Join the Center for Creative Land Recycling to learn more about how to best structure your redevelopment project. <http://bit.ly/1riUt3A>

TN Women Business Conference – (Sept 10, \$85). Join other business women to learn about topics including sustainability within the supply chain. <http://bit.ly/1ruZW7C>

TN Urban Forestry Conference – (Sept 18-19). Tennessee Urban Forestry Conference will be in Nashville. More info can be viewed: <http://bit.ly/1obmDKa>

TNASLA Conference – (Sept 18-19). TN Landscape Architects will host their conference in Chattanooga this year. The presentations include green infrastructure and sustainability in design.

<http://tnasla.org/conference/>

TNSA Conference – (Sept 23-25). TN Stormwater Association Conference's early bird registration ends August 1. Event will be at Henry Horton State Park. Office of Sustainability will present on their Low Impact Development Competition! <http://tnstormwater.org/blog/conference/>

TNASCE Conference – (Sept 25-26). TN Engineer's Conference will be in Murfreesboro this year. Office of

Sustainability will present on their Low Impact Development Competition! <http://conta.cc/1w33Nvu>

TOP STORIES

City of Memphis rolling out single stream recycling: <http://bit.ly/1tWhT0s>

Farm to Table locations in West TN: <http://bit.ly/1po8L3e>

Pedestrian enhancements for Overton Park: <http://bit.ly/UzruxN>

Shelby County green spaces and other projects get \$1.4 million: <http://bit.ly/1k5v66t>

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